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McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE 27th Oct. 1916.

My dear Falconer,

I have been a little under the weather, otherwise should have replied at once. Certainly send on your Royal Society paper: we shall be glad to have it, - again altogether from the fact that we shall need all the copy we can get this winter.

I shall intend to raise say $15,000 - if possible - for a Stock company for the Magazine. Macphail fixes on a free hand, I wish

take $1000 himself. Will you help me to get, say, $6000 in Toronto? Pelham Edgar is doubtful. I know you were not very sanguine when I spoke to you last. But pray keep the thing before you: I shall see you in New York next month. We could then appoint an Editor, & pay him & contributors too. You know, of course, that I have simply been keeping the thing going. It is not making a steady profit.

Yes, it was very sad about poor Wetherald. Thanks for Physiology return. Yrs.

W. Peterson.

October 18th, 1918

Sir William Peterson, K.C.M.G.,

Principal, McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Sir William:

I am glad to know that you have got back safely. I infer that Lady Peterson is with you. I arrived in Toronto on the first of October after a very pleasant passage beginning with somewhat vexatious delay.

I have had word from Schofield and from the Governor-General that the British Universities' Mission is to arrive here from Ottawa on Sunday morning, November 3rd, and to stay here until Tuesday morning. On Sunday I will divide the men up and put them in charge of various members of the University in whom they will have special interest. On Monday morning these men will see that the visitors get a view of various departments of the University. At Monday at noon they are to speak at the Empire Club. I was arranging a reception for them in the afternoon after which they would address the students, but unfortunately owing to the influenza we close to-day until Tuesday morning the fifth of November, so that meeting will be cut out. Probably instead of that there will be an informal gathering after dinner in the hotel in the evening. It is a little difficult to know how to handle such a delegation sent at this time, but we will do our best.

I see that you have also closed McGill on account of the prevalence of the influenza. I hope that it will soon pass. With kind regards to Lady Peterson, I am,

Yours sincerely,

October 22nd, 1918

Sir William Peterson,

Principal, McGill University, Montreal.

My dear Principal:

I am sending the estimates of our Physiological Department. You will see that they are quite separate from Biochemistry, which are pretty nearly the same in total amount. How the idea arose that we were paying any such salary as you mention I cannot conceive.

By the way I was thinking yesterday when the University Magazine came in if you are at all hard put for matter and think it would be worth putting in you say have the article I read at the Royal Society last spring on the Contrast between the Colonial action of 1776 and 1914, though I am not particularly anxious to have it published.

How and Westbrook's death is ? The burden of the place simply broke him, and I can understand it.

We have closed the University and I hope the epidemic is at its crest.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 15th, 1918

Sir William Peterson,

Principal, McGill University,

Montreal.

My dear Principal Peterson:

I have just had a note from the Secretary of the Royal Society asking for the paper that I read last spring, so I have to send it to him. In any case it would be rather out of date for the "University Magazine". I will, however, try to write something for you for one of the issues this year. I will see you in New York and find from you when you ought to have it.

Yours sincerely,

President.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.

December 12th, 1918.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President, Univ. of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear President,

Can you send me a sketch of the proposed six years course in Medicine so far as it has been now approved by the Senate of the University of Toronto? I quite understand that you are not likely to have the details filled in for all the six years, but should like an official report of what has been accepted by the University.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very truly,

W. Peterson

Principal

December 13th, 1918

Sir William Peterson,

Principal, McGill University.

My dear Sir William:

I am sending you a draft of the new course in Medicine. The first year was adopted by the Faculty of Medicine last week. It goes to the Senate for consideration to-night.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 30th, 1918

Sir William Peterson,

Principal, McGill University.

My dear Sir William:

I have not seen the Canada Year Book of which you spoke to me, but I quite agree with you that it would be well to have some uniform arrangement by which information could be supplied to the public. Even in the Carnegie figures there is difficulty in arriving at any uniformity, as I have found again and again, when I have endeavoured to secure statistics covering details as to per capita cost of our Universities with the State Universities. I have always found it necessary to leave out Agriculture, Summer Session and Extension students, and even then I am not sure that we have arrived at a proper basis, but as you say it would be valuable for us in Canada to have some uniformity.

I look back with very much pleasure to the day I spent with you in Montreal. Wishing you and Lady Peterson a good New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.